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ヒト型ロボット・ジャックは、人間同様の食欲を感じることに幸
きを見ていた。王女誘拐団を退くジャックは、樹林の中で
ルビィという少女に会合う。昼は可憐な少女、夜は美女へと
変身し誘惑してくるルビィに戸惑うジャック。彼女は食事
を神聖な儀式として人肉を食するフォトリリス人だった。漫画
作「22XX」を始め、「世紀末に愛されて」「夢のつづ
き」「8月の長い夜」「ロボット考(観想)」を収録した異色
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"You have
just dined,
and however
scrupulously
the slaughter-
house is
concealed in
the graceful
distance of
miles, there
is complicity,
expensive
races — race
living at the
expense
of race."

~Ralph Waldo
Emerson

[*"The Cause of
Death: Friend"* by
Richard Rhodes
published by
Sooshisha]



MEKLET, THE 104 PLANET OF CYRUS*.

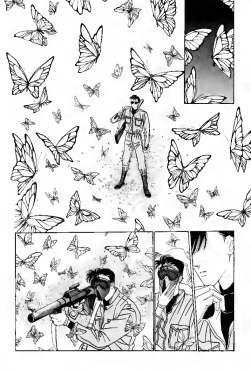
EXCEPT FOR THE REGION OF ORIENT WHERE THE POPULATION AND CULTURE IS MORE CENTRALIZED, THIS PLANET IS OCCUPIED BY DENSE RAIN FORESTS — MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR COLONIZATION.

*From until "Opener" is the contribution of the Secret



THE LA BOMBE AREA IS ESPECIALLY INHOSPITABLE TO HUMANS BECAUSE OF AN UNIDENTIFIED WILD CARNIVOROUS SPECIES THAT HAUNTS THE AREA. EXCEPT FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC HUNTER TEARE, NO OTHER HUMANS WERE TO BE SEEN THROUGH LA BOMBE.









Japanese people are usually concerned when they die. But, if possible, I prefer to be buried, eaten by birds, or thrown into the water. Humans eat all the other animal species as they please, so if we do not recycle our dead back into nature, let them become nutrients for soil, plants and food for bugs. It is not only selfish, but also I'm sure God wouldn't be happy about it either. This philosophy is what gave me the idea for this story.

In the beginning, I went out of my way to ask the editor, Mr. La La (a Japanese monthly manga magazine), would my story be too gross? My editor was sympathetic, nah, better to be gross from beginning 'til the end rather than be half-ass about it. Therefore, I went ahead and poured it

(By the way, before you get all confused, I want to make clear that it is illegal to let your dead be eaten by birds or thrown into the water. Therefore, don't do it.)







WHAT IS
THE REASON
FOR YOUR VISIT,
JACK ANGEL?

JACK ANGEL,
ID NUMBER
8095165

TO EXERCISE
SPECIAL
MISSION
NUMBER
EIGHT.

WE'VE HAD
FOUR GROOMS
TODAY AND
HE'S THE
TWENTIETH
VISITOR!

WHAT'S
SPECIAL
MISSION
NUMBER
EIGHT?

OH,
HE'S A
GROOMY
HUNTER!

PLEASE
EXIT
THROUGH
DOOR
NUMBER
ELEVEN



HAVEN'T YOU
HEARD? WE
ABDUCTED THE
FIRST PRINCESS
OF CLEVELAND
AND ESCAPED TO
THIS PLANET

WHY?

THE
GOVERNMENT OF
CLEVELAND COULDN'T
MEET THE YETIS
RANDOM DEMANDS,
NOR DO THEY HAVE
THE NECESSARY
MILITARY POWER TO
RESCUE HER... SO
THEY TURNED TO THE
BOUNTY HUNTERS
FOR HELP

OH! THAT
TOTALLY
GAVE THEM
IDEAS!



A
HUNDRED
BILLION
?!

HUH
?!

"WHOEVER
SAFELY RESCUES
THE FIRST PRINCESS
WILL RECEIVE
A CASH REWARD
OF A HUNDRED
BILLION."







JACKY





THIS GUY
TOOK GREAT
CARE OF MY
BROTHER...

SENTRY



YOUR
FRIEND,
FREDDY?

OH, IT'S
A LONG
STORY...



WAIT A
MINUTE
!

HEY
JACK!
JACK!



YOU MUST
HAVE HEARD...
ANYONE ONCE
SLAUGHTERED
THE PEOPLE OF
THIS PLANET

EVER SINCE
THEN, THEY
HAVE HATED
ROADS WITH A
PASSION



HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET
AWAY FOR THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE. DO YOU WANT
TO FIND OUT WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF YOUR BROTHER
JACK SENTRY WAS
ANNOUNCED?







WHAT IS
THIS?



FREDDY,
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?



HEY?



IS HE
REALLY A
SCOTT? HE
LOOKS JUST
LIKE A REAL
HUMAN?



IT'S ONLY
RECENTLY
THAT HE'S
STOPPED.



REASON
FOR HIRE.



FIVE
YEARS
AGO.



HE REALLY
BELIEVED
THAT HE WAS
"TOO HUMAN."
"PEOPLE" ARE
LIKE THAT.



YES.

SIX
THEN.

HE BECAME
A SPY, WAS
JAILED IN THE
SAME CELL
AS HIM.

IF HE HAD
KNOWN HE WAS A
MACHINE AND DIDN'T
NEED THE EATONS, MY
BROTHER WOULDN'T
HAVE DIED.



WHEN THEY
FOUNDED THEM
THREE MONTHS
LATER, ONLY
THE EDGECR
JACK SURVIVED



MY BROTHER
AND JACK
SAVED THESE
STRONG EAT-
ONS, FIGHTING
STRENGTHEN

HE CON-
SIDER MY
BROTHER
!

ONE



WITH THAT KIND
OF MOUNT, WERE
DOUBT THAT PERSON
WAS RUN OFF TOP



THE EFFECTS
OF THE TENSE GAS
SHOULD'NT HAVE
REGISTERED SO FAST.









SHIT! IT'S
TIGHTENING
HIS GRIP!

















NOT
ONLY
THE
FACE

IS THAT
BLACK A
BIG DEAL?

OUR INTER-
MARRIAGES
OCCURRING AT
NIGHT. IT'S
A DISASTROUS
TRUTH

BUT
YOUR
HAIR?



HIGH MOOD
NATURE
COMPARED
TO THE PAV-
ING FORM

EVEN THOUGH
IT'S THE SAME
FEELING THE
ENTIRE FEEL-
ING IS PRE-
SENT



I'M
BLUSH

LEFT
AND ASK
FOR

SACK

LEFT

ARE YOU
HERE TO HAVE
THE CLEVELAND
PRINCESS, YOUR
HEART'S YOUR
HAIR?







THEY
TURN
REFLEC-
TIVE.



IN
ORDER
TO EAT
NIGHTMARE.



ONCE
IT'S
NIGHT-
TIME...



THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS.

PHOTURUS
THE OTHER TWO
REASONS WHY
THEY SCARY
AND THEY ARE
SO TERRIFY-
ING?



PHOTURUS IS
A SPECIES OF
FIREFLY

THESE FIREFLIES
ARE CALLED THE
BROTHERS OF
INSECTS

FIREFLY SPECIES
USUALLY DISTIN-
GUISH BETWEEN
THE SERIES BY
SHEDDING CER-
TAIN TYPES OF
LIGHT.

BUT THE FEMALE
PHOTURUS FIREFLY
WOULD INVADE THE
TERRITORY OF OTHER
SPECIES, AND WHEN
THE FEMALE LIGHTING
PATTERN OF THAT
PARTICULAR SPECIES,
THIS ATTRACTING
THE MALE FIREF-
FLIES.



SAYS ONLY
THE HARDEST
PARTS LIKE
WINGS AND
LEGS ARE
LEFT.

FIRST
THEY BLACK
OUT THE
BUTTS
LEGGED



ONCE THE
MULE PROBABLY
GETS HEAVY,
THROWING IT AWAY
FOUNDS ITS BUTTS.
THE PENALTY
PATTERNS PENALTY
WILL COM-
BARE IT.



THE MOST
DIFFICULT PART
OF 1945-2000 IS
NOT FINDING OFF
METS OR FIGHTING
OVER THE
REWARD...

SO IF YOU ARE
FOOLISH ENOUGH
TO THINK YOU
WANT BETTER JOBS,
BE AWARE AT ONE
SHE MUST LIVE AND
THEN YOU'RE ASKING
A CRAVE WRITING



BUT
THE CASE-
TASTIC
PATTERNS!



BUT AT THE
SAME TIME THE
PEOPLE OF THIS
PLANET DON'T PAY
SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN "JUGGER"
AND "MATH" BY
"FACTURE".

LAUREN
LAWREN ARE
LIKE THAT.

ISN'T THAT
CONSIDERED
MURDER? WOULDN'T THE
LAW FORBID
IT?

BUT...

WHEN
FACTURE
KILL PEOPLE,
IT'S CONSID-
ERED THE
SUSPECTS
REMOVED.

Whoosh

THAT'S
DONE.

Wustle

YOU'RE
GOING TO
GET KILLED,
BAGGY BOY.
JACKY!

Wustle



















THE HARE
WENT BACK
TO THE WAY
IT WAS



RUSTLE
RUSTLE



JUST
LIKE
A CAT

SHE
POSSESSES
THE AGILE
BEASTLY THAT
ONLY WILD
ANIMALS
HAVE









ARE
THE RIDS
FROM EVERY
PLANET THE
SAME?

ONCE
THE FEMALE
ACCEPTS
EVERYTHING IS
SETTLED ...

THE
MALE GIVES
POOP TO THE
FEMALE AS A
PROPOSAL.





RELIEF!



I ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL!





RUBY,
WHY JUST
WASTED
A BRUTE
AND...



RUSTLE

I CAN'T BE
CARELESS

RUBY

BUT ONE
CULTURE AND
CUSTOMS ARE
SO DIFFER-
ENT



TO THEM,
FINDING IS THE
MOST SACRED
ACTUAL...

RUSTLE

PRO-
TECTING
THEM FOR A
LONG
TIME
THEY
ENJOY
THEIR
REAL





THEFORE,
THEY NEVER
EAT IN FRONT
OF OTHERS.



WATCHING
OTHERS EAT
IS ALSO
CONSIDERED
A TABOO



YOU WERE
PRAYING FOR A
WARRIOR. DOES IT
TAKE SO LONG
EVERY TIME?







CONSIDERING
THE DEAD,
AND FIGHTING
THE FUTURE
WITH THEIR
MINDS OF
YOUTH.

TALKS, WHEN IT'S
SOMEONE DESIR-
ABLE AND ELITE,
EVERYONE WANTS
A PRICE, EVEN IF
IT'S A LITTLE BIT.

WHEN I KILL
SOMEONE, THAT
PERSON'S KNOW-
LEDGE, TALENTS,
DEEDS AND TRUTHS
BECOME MY OWN.

DEATH AND
JUDGMENT ARE
ALIKE IN THIS
RESPECT.

IN THIS CYCLE
OF LIFE, EVERY
TIME WE DO IT,
WE ARE PURI-
FIED.

IT'S NOT
SCARY TO BE
KILLED, IT'S AN
HONORABLE
THING.

IS THAT
YOUR RE-
LIGION?

I
HATE
THEM.



...MY
PRECIOUS
LIFE, THE SUM
OF SO MANY
OTHER LIVES,
CAN ONE DAY BE
GIVEN TO MY
CHILDREN.

...I
DON'T
KNOW,
I JUST
HOPE
THAT...



I CANNOT DIE
BEFORE THAT
HAPPENS.

MY
CHILDREN
WILL BURY
MY BODY.

THEREFORE

Whoosh

EVERY TIME
WHEN A BROTHER
DIES, ONE
MUST RISK
LIFE FOR THE
ONES WHO
LOST THEIR
MOTHER'S BROTHER.

"WHY DO YOU
ALWAYS TAKE DAN-
GEROUS JOBS?"

"JACK."

WHEN EXTINGUISH
A FIRE, ONE
MUST RISK FOR
THE DEATH AND
BARELY LIVE
ONE'S LIFE.

"IT'S JUST
THAT, HAVING
A SCOTT I
STILL HAVE
TO BURN THE
IDEAS..."



"NO."

"WHY
WANT TO
KEEP
YOUR
SECRET?"



"IS IT
BECAUSE
YOU KILLED
YOUR MOTHER
FOR ME?"

"BUT
YOU ALWAYS
BELIEVED YOU
WERE A HUMAN
FOR I YOU
WANT TO BE
ONE?"



"THAT'S BECAUSE WE PUT
FEARS INTO YOUR HEAD
WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD
IT'S FOR THAT REASON
WE'VE MADE YOU THIS
WAY. IN THE YOU FEEL
HUNGER, YOU WANT,
AND YOU MUST. CAN'T
THAT A REALISTIC
THING?"

"YES."

"YES?"



"DO YOU
KNOW?"



"WHAT HAPPENS
TO THE FOOD
CONSUMED BY
A SCOTT?"

"TWOES IN A
VACUUM..."



"THE EXTEND
THAT GOES INTO
MY JACKET GETS
BLOWN INTO
PIST."

"... THEN EJECTED OUT
OF THE BODY "



"IT DOESN'T
BECOME A
PART OF
ME "

"THAT DAY
OF..."



"WHEN THE
TIME COMES
I FEEL
HUNGER "

"TUT "

"HEARTLESSLY PAULY
CONSUMPTION..."



"DO YOU
KNOW HOW
TORTUROUS
THAT IS?"

WATCH
OUT,
JACK!

BANG

rip

Missile

IDIOT!
WHAT ARE YOU
JUST STANDING
THERE FOR? IF
I FIRED THAT
SHOT A SEC-
OND LATER,
YOU'D BE
DEAD BY
NOW!

ADD

rustle

Where

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
HURRY AND
STANCH THE
WOUND!

RUDDY
!

PLEASE

LEAVE
ARM DR.
JACK!

LET



HE LOSES
THE NAME OF
PROTECTOR TO
KILL OTHERS
AND MAKE
MONEY?

HE TOOK
ADVANTAGE OF
THE LOOPHOLE
THAT ALL THE
HORRORS IN
LA ROMANA ARE
PROFANE-
RELATED

WAS KILLED
BY SOMEONE
FROM ANOTHER
PLANET TO KILL,
AND MANY DEAD
HE KILLED FOR
MONEY, NOT FOR
SURVIVAL

THE
GUY.

HE KEPT
KILLING ALL THE
UNDESIRABLE
FOREIGNERS

I HATE
YOU...
EAT
ME!

I'M
ABOUT
TO DIE

WHY WOULD
I WANT TO EAT
TRASH LIKE YOU?

EAT
YOUR
TV

NO ONE
WILL EVER
WANT TO EAT
YOUR FLESH!
YOUR SPIRIT
WILL ROT FOR
ETERNITY!

YOU'RE
WORTHLESS
AND
WORTHY OF
DEATH!

LET ME
TELL YOU,
I'M GOING TO
THROW YOUR
DEAD BODY
INTO THE
VALLEY OF
THE VALLEY!



**YOU
DESERVE
THIS PUN-
ISHMENT!**

**NOT NO,
PLEASE,
DON'T! ANY-
THING BUT
THAT...**

**"TO US,
THAT IS
THE MOST
TERRIC
DRIVING."**

**ROT AND
DISAPPEAR
INTO DARK-
NESS, FOR-
EVER!!**

**PLEASE,
I'M
BEG-
GING YOU!**